

Co-operative awards

THE Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd has announced a series of annual awards to recognise achievements of co-operatives and co-operators in Victoria.

Chairman Mr David Griffiths said that "while the essence of co-operation is mutual action and support by members of co-operatives, from time to time and over periods of time individual co-operatives and co-operators do make an extra contribution to the advancement of co-operation".

"These extra contributions deserve peer recognition and in celebrating the individual achievements of co-operatives and co-operators, we are celebrating the success of the co-operative movement," Mr Griffiths said.

The four awards are: Co-operative of Year; Co-operator of Year; Co-operative Distinguished Service; and Co-operator Distinguished Service.

Mr Griffiths said that nominations were now being called for and closed on August 17, 1998.

"The awards will be presented later

this year at the Federation's annual dinner."

Mr Griffiths said that the awards were open to all Victorian co-operatives.

"No distinction will be made between co-operatives who are and who are not members of the federation.

"Nomination forms and guidelines are being mailed to Victorian co-operatives. Extra copies can be obtained from the Federation's Registered Office."

Mr Griffiths said that the winners would be selected from the nominations by a co-operation awards selection panel.

Brian, Dan and Owen have retired from the Movement after distinguished service for the Federation and their own co-operatives. John retired from Chairman of the Federation following its AGM in 1997 but is still a director.

The completed nomination form is to be sent to Co-operation Awards, Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd, RMB 1282, Langs Road, Blampied, Victoria 3364.